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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

INFO COMUSMILGP RIO DE JANEIRO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS, BR

SUBJECT: WHITE PHOSPHORUS AMMUNITION

REF: A) CHUSSAG BRAZIL MSG 301730Z MAR 77

B) BRASILIA 2881

1. AFTER CONSULTATION BETWEEN STATE AND DOD, WE DETERMINED  
THAT WHITE PHOSPHORUS MUNITIONS SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED  
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WITH INCENDIARY MUNITIONS AND SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED FOR  
TRANSFER THROUGH GOVERNMENT OR COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. DOD  
IN MARCH 1977 TOOK STEPS TO CLARIFY GOVERNING REGULATIONS  
IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE MANUAL, THEREBY CONFIRMING GLOBAL  
APPLICATION OF POLICY WHICH HAD BEEN ENUNCIATED TWO YEARS  
AGO FOR LATIN AMERICA.

2. POLICY DECISION HAS UNIVERSAL APPLICATION AND IS NOT DISCRIMINATORY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA OR BRAZIL.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUBSTITUTE SMOKE MARKER ROUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALMOST EVERY TYPE OF WEAPON. TO DATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY. PRIOR TO THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOME WP MUNITIONS WERE APPROVED ROUTINELY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO LONG-STANDING POLICY TO LIMIT USG SUPPLY OF INCENDIARIES TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. WHITE PHOSPHORUS NOT CONSIDERED RIOT CONTROL AGENT.

5. YOU MAY INFORM GOB THAT USG HAS WORLDWIDE POLICY TO RESTRICT SALE AND TRANSFER OF CERTAIN TYPES OF WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS, INCLUDING INCENDIARIES. IT WAS RECENTLY DETERMINED IN WASHINGTON THAT WHITE PHOSPHORUS MUNITIONS SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS INCENDIARIES AND THAT SUBSTITUTE SMOKE MARKER ROUNDS WERE GENERALLY AVAILABLE. DECISION WAS TAKEN EARLIER THIS YEAR, THEREFORE, NOT TO APPROVE REQUESTS UNDER EITHER MAP OR FMS FROM ANY COUNTRY. CHRISTOPHER

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